

**NORFOLK, VIRGINIA**

**BUSINESS MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016**

President Fraim called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. with the following members present: Ms. Graves, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Protogyrou, Mr. Riddick, Mr. Smigiel, Dr. Whibley and Mr. Winn.

He thereupon reviewed the work session agenda and called for council interests.

**A. COUNCIL INTERESTS**

1. Councilman Protogyrou:

- Asked for an after-action review to examine the practices and culture of City Hall following the indictment of City Treasurer and former Councilman Anthony Burfoot.
- Asked the administration for a definitive response regarding police vests, stating that the money has been allocated and he wants to know if they have been ordered and when will they be distributed.
- In response to concerns regarding the removal of a makeshift memorial for a fallen officer, he asked the administration to examine the possibility of installing by ordinance a permanent marker or plaque for fallen officers in a safe place closest to the spot where the tragedy occurred.

Councilwoman Whibley stated that it is a grand idea, but she does not want to do for one and not for others. She also stated that she would like to see some consistency on this because it is a very important issue and it needs to be done right.

2. Councilman Winn:

- Asked for an update on the parking issue in Riverview where they are with it and where they are heading, stating that he has been working with the Riverview Business Association on this issue.

3. Councilwoman Whibley:

- Commented about the heroin epidemic and asked if there are plans to provide officers with Naloxone to have available in the case of a heroin overdose.

Chief Goldsmith stated that they have looked at it and are evaluating it and they will keep Council advised.

- Asked when they have a proposal for a development project to include not only environmental and financial concerns but also the impact the project would have on the schools. Also, would like to know ahead of time what the historical significance is if any.
- She stated that they should be looking at some of the causes for the city's flooding concerns as it relates to greenhouse gas emissions.
- Asked for an update on the landscape company at the north end of Colley Avenue.

4. Councilwoman Johnson:

- Received calls from citizens regarding foxes running around the city.

5. Vice Mayor Graves:

- Asked that they take a look at the city's schools to see if there are any issues with disciplinary actions and the criminalizing of non-criminal behavior. She would like to know where they are with the relationship with school resource officers with regard to disciplinary action and any criminal charges that may stem from those activities.

6. Councilman Smigiel:

- Asked for a discussion on the CTE School.

Mayor Fraim suggested they schedule a 2:00 work session within the next 3 to 4 weeks and meet with NPS to discuss CTE schools.

Manager Jones stated that they could set aside some time on the 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss with NPS.

- He commented with respect to an ordinance that Council enacted that states if a member of Council runs for Mayor they have to resign their seat if they lose the election. He stated that he would like to see that changed.

Mr. Smigiel reported that Rodney Jordan, chair of the schoolboard, is meeting with the Health, Education & Families Subcommittee and as part of that discussion there was an invitation presented to Council to do a joint meeting with them. He stated that in the past the schoolboard has always come to Council and that maybe this time they could go to one of their events and support them. He noted that Mr. Jordan requested that Council meet with them at 4:00 on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

Manager Jones stated that Mr. Benda has been working on scheduling a joint meeting with the schoolboard.

Mr. Benda stated that they are looking at the 26<sup>th</sup> here at City Hall.

Mayor Fraim stated that he wouldn't mind coming in at 2:00 to discuss NPS. He suggested they schedule a work session at 2:00 within the next three or four weeks.

Manager Jones stated that even if there is something on the 27<sup>th</sup> the concept would be to set aside some time on the 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss Norfolk Public Schools.

## **B. CLOSED SESSION**

Motion for closed session was approved for purposes which are set out in **Clause 3 of subsection (A) of Section 2.2-3711 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act**, as amended:

- (3) Discussion of the disposition of publicly owned real property in areas of Downtown, North Military Highway and Central Business Park.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Protogyrou, Riddick, Smigiel, Whibley, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.